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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (PERES, SHIMON), IS

SUBJ: VISIT OF DEFENSE MINISTER PERES TO WASHINGTON

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE PERES ON SEPT 5 HE CONFIRMED THAT HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON SEPT 16. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL BENYAMIN PELED, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE; GENERAL SHLOMO GAZIT, HEAD OF IDF INTELLIGENCE; GENERAL UZI EILAM, HEAD OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT; AND ONE OF THE MINISTER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, HE HOPES TO SEE SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER AND DIRECTOR COLBY, AND VISIT THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE. I SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD SEE BOB ELLSWORTH AS WELL AS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN THE PENTAGON, AND HE AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. HE EXPECTS TO VISIT NEW YORK FOR A DAY ON, AS HE PUT IT, "UJA BUSINESS", AND THEN GO TO CANADA ON A PURELY PRIVATE VISIT.

2. IN WASHINGTON, PERES PLANS TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S NEED FOR PERSHING MISSILES AND THE NAVY'S NEW RECONNAISSANCE PLANE AND WOULD SPEND TIME REVIEWING MATMON B REQUIREMENTS. I TOLD HIM THAT MAKING THE PERSHING MISSILE AVAILABLE TO ISRAEL GIVES US PROBLEMS, AS THE SECRETARY HAD INDICATED HERE DURING THE SHUTTLE, SINCE IT WOULD MEAN THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE AREA OF A NEW MAGNITUDE OF WEAPONRY. PERES SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED OUR SECRET

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RESERVATIONS BUT HOPED WE WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE PERSHING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN SHORING UP PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ISRAEL'S ABILITY TO DETER ATTACK FROM THE NORTH. IRAQ, HE POINTED OUT, WAS NO LONGER PLAGUED WITH THE KURDISH PROBLEM AND MIGHT WELL

SIDE WITH SYRIA IN AN ATTACK ON ISRAEL IN NOVEMBER IF SYRIA  
SHOULD DECIDE NOT TO RENEW THE UN MANDATE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.  
IF ISRAEL HAD THE PERSHING MISSILE--WHICH IS CAPABLE OF REACHING  
BAGHDAD--IRAQ MIGHT BE DETERRED FROM JOINING WITH  
SYRIA. FIFTY PERSHING MISSILES SHOULD MEET ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS.

3. I ASKED PERES IF THE ISRAELIS SHOULD ACQUIRE THE NEW NAVY  
RECONNAISSANCE PLANE (HE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOUR),  
WOULD THIS MEAN THERE WOULD NO LONGER BE A NEED TO FLY  
OVER THE GULF OF SUEZ FOR RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES? HE REPLIED  
HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT WELL BE THE CASE.  
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